

PRIDE.

To a curious fact as ever was known,
Bat often in human nature shown,
Alike in the eastland cottage
That pride, like fire, in certain brood,
Will manage to live and thrive on food
As pe-a-s papers' potage!

A REVERIE.

I shall not ask Jean Jacques Rousseau,
If birds confabulate or no.—GAY.

I happened one day to call at the house
of a friend, who resides in the most pleasant
part of our village. Everything in and
about the house gave signs of wealth and
taste. In the parlor, which was spacious,
there were sofas, ottomans, lamps, mirrors,
paintings, books, musical instruments—in
short, everything that a fashionable lady
could desire with which to adorn an elegant
room.

BOU-AKAS, BEN-ACHOUR, AND THE JUST CADI.

The next cause was between a butcher
and an oil seller; the latter was covered with
oil, the butcher spotted with blood. The
butcher began: "I want to buy oil of this
man; I took out my purse to pay him; it
was full of money; he was tempted by it,
and seized me by the wrist I shouted 'thief'
but he would not let me go; so we came to-
gether before you, I clenched my money
and he my wrist. Now, I swear by Mahomet
that he is a liar, when he says I took
his money; the money is mine."

Banks and Banking.

Our Legislature is flooded with bills and
resolutions on the subject of Banks and
Banking. We doubt whether anything
definite will be agreed upon amid this con-
flict of views. Generally, when such con-
flict of opinion prevails, the discussions
weary the astute minds of our legislators, or,
like the Dutch squires after hearing both
sides of a question, they are unable or un-
willing to decide one way or other—and
determine to do nothing. We fear it will
be so on this matter of banks.

A Candid Deacon.

Deacon M. was an honest old codger,
a kind, obliging neighbor, and a good church-
going Christian, believing in the Presby-
terian creed to the fullest extent; but alack-
aday! this pillar of the church was, at times,
a little "shaky"—in fact, the deacon would,
occasionally, get exceedingly "mellow," and
almost every Sunday at dinner he would in-
dulge in his favorite clear-brandy to such an
extent, that it was with some little diffi-
culty he reached his pew, which was in the broad
aisle, near the pulpit, and between the min-
ister's and the village squire's. One Sun-
day morning the parson told his flock that
he should preach a sermon to them in the
afternoon, touching many glaring sins that
he grieved to see so conspicuous among
them; and that he hoped that they would
listen attentively, and not finish if he should
happen to be too severe.

The Mother Moulds the Child.

There is no disputing this fact; it shines
in the face of every little child. This coarse,
brawling, scolding woman will have vicious,
brawling, fighting children. She who cries
on every occasion, "I'll box your ears—I'll
slap your jaws—I'll break your neck," is
known as thoroughly through the children
as if her unwomanly manners were openly
displayed in the public streets.

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Who cares for your book knowledge?

"Who cares for your book knowledge?"
said the centre table. "I've got here in my
lap all the books that my lady wants to
read: The last London Annual and Quar-
terly Review, Bulwer's last and Marryat's
last, a Sketch-Book, and Scrap Book, and
Port Folio of drawings, and Somebody's
Poems—all dressed like dolls, besides many
others. I'll tell you, Mr. Secretary, though
you carry your head high, you are not much
thought of. But you can't help seeing that
my mistress sets a great deal by me, and
thinks upon me very much."

What you would ye have!

"What you would ye have!" asked Bou-
Akas. "You asked ams and I have given it."
"True," replied the cripple; "but the law
does not merely say, 'thou shalt give ams
to thy brother'; but also, 'thou shalt do all
that thou art able for him.'"
"Well, what can I do for you?"
"You can save me from being trampled
over foot by the crowd of men, mules, and
camels in the town."

AM I BOUND TO TAKE COFFINS?

"AM I BOUND TO TAKE COFFINS?"—Mr.
G., a veteran lawyer of Syracuse, used
to tell a story of a client, an impetuous old
farmer, by the name of Merrick, who had a
difficulty with a cabinet maker. As was
usual in such cases, the matter excited a
great deal of interest among the neighbors,
who severely allied themselves with one or
the other of the contending parties. At
length, however, to the mutual disappoint-
ment of the allies, the principals offered a
compromise, by which Merrick was to take,
in full of all demands, the cabinet maker's
note for forty dollars, at six months, "pay-
able in cabinet ware."

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